GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PLANNING
LOK SABHA

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DEVELOPMENT OF KUMARAKOM
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government of Kerala has submitted any proposal to the Union Government for development of Kumarakom in the State;

(b) If so, the details thereof;

(c) Whether any amount has been sanctioned by the Union Government in this regard; and

(d) The steps taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a): Yes Sir.

(b), (c) & (d): A proposal from Govt. of Kerala for preparing a Master Plan forDevelopment of Kumarakom and Venvanad Kayal was received at a cost of Rs. 1.00 crore in August 2000 as a part of a package comprising 8 projects. A sum of Rs. 1.00 crore has been sanctioned as Additional Central Assistance to the State Govt. underPlanning Commission`s Project Preparation Facility subject to the requirement of the State Govt. seeking appropriate advice from Ministry of Tourism regarding scope ofstudy, time frame and consultancy charges. An amount of Rs. 50 lakhs has beenreleased in March 2001. In addition, Deptt. of Tourism have sanctioned the following specific proposals for Development of Kumarakom.

	Amt. Sanctioned	Amt. Released (Rs. in lakhs)
1995-96		
Wayside amenities	20.82	11.00
1999-2000		
Tourist Ayurvedic Health Centre	7.50	2.25

For the year 2001-02, a further amount of Rs. 40.00 lakhs has been prioritised forpreparation of Masterplans for Special Tourism Zones of Kovalam, Munnar and Kumarakom.